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PROBABLE LIBYAN ARMS DELIVERY TO POLISARIO FORCES IN ALGERIA  
MERS EL KEBIR NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD AND  
OUED TATRAT POLISARIO CAMP NO.1

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: THE RECENT ARRIVAL OF ARMOR AT A POLISARIO CAMP IN ALGERIA, PROVIDES ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF CONTINUED LIBYAN SUPPORT TO THE POLISARIO.
2. (SWN) REMARKS: SIXTEEN MEDIUM TANKS AND THREE MAZ-537 HEAVY-LIFT TRANSPORTER TRAILERS (NOT ON GRAPHIC) WERE NEWLY IDENTIFIED AT OUED TATRAT POLISARIO CAMP NO.1 [REDACTED] 25X1  
[REDACTED] THIS EQUIPMENT, WHICH ARRIVED [REDACTED] 25X1  
WAS PROBABLY PRESENT ON IMAGERY [REDACTED] HOWEVER, 25X1  
HEAVY HAZE AND OBLIQUITY PRECLUDED THEIR IDENTIFICATION.  
THIS EQUIPMENT PROBABLY ARRIVED FROM LIBYA, VIA MERS EL KEBIR  
NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD, WHERE 16 T-54/55 MEDIUM TANKS AND  
FOUR MAZ-537 HEAVY-LIFT TRANSPORTER TRAILERS, EACH CARRYING A  
MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER (MRL), HAD BEEN OFFLOADED FROM A  
LIBYAN ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF CARGO SHIP (AKR) [REDACTED] 25X1  
EXCEPT FOR ONE MAZ-537, ALL OF THIS EQUIPMENT HAD DEPARTED  
THE DOCK [REDACTED] THE ADDITION OF THESE 16 TANKS TO 25X1  
THIS MAJOR POLISARIO BASE CAMP BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF  
TANKS AT THE BASE TO 43. OUED TATRAT IS 11 NM SOUTHEAST OF  
TINDOUF, ALGERIA, 33 NM EAST OF THE ALGERIAN-WESTERN SAHARAN  
BORDER AND 620 NM SOUTHWEST OF THE ALGERIAN PORT AT MERS EL  
KEBIR. [REDACTED] 25X1
3. (S) [REDACTED] COORDINATES 35-43-30N 000-41-15W 25X1  
[REDACTED] COORDINATES 27-30-20N 008-03-30W
4. [REDACTED] COLLATERAL REFERENCE: MINIBOARD NPIC/PEG, 25X1  
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